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REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action of December 14, 2001, has been reviewed.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her helpful suggestions regarding formal matters in the specification. Appropriate amendments have been made on the attached pages to correct these ambiguities and informalities.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 4 and 6 "under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." Appropriate amendments have been made to Claims 4 and 6 on the attached pages. Again, applicant thanks the Examiner for her attention to detail.

The Examiner has then rejected claims 2, 3 and 5 "under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Podolsky 3,463,209" and "Parsons 3,888,144" for claim 2 and 3, and "Hanson 4,436,005" for claims 2 and 5.

These rejections are traversed. More specifically, Podolsky describes a screw driver having a working tip having various configurations (Figures 1 - 13 of patent 3,463,209). These include various radially cut and straight opposing sides. An element of each configuration, however, is a tip, "graduated

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towards the bottom of the socket" (Column 2, Line 56 - 57). Podolsky describes this graduation of the tip as being "of necessity". The present invention describes a working tip having a flat end as opposed to the "graduated" end of Podolsky. The function of the flat tipped screw driver would provide for keeping the axis of the screw driver aligned with the axis of the screw, by keeping the flat faces in contact with one another, thereby preventing the rotation out of the axis of the screw.

Parsons also describes a pointed tip on the screw driver. In each of the Figures a graduated tip is seen (see Figures 1 - 17). Like Podolsky, the Parsons' screw driver differs from the present invention in that the tip is not described as flat and in contrast, is demonstrated to have a pointed tip, (number 14, Figure 1). Figure 6 of the Parsons patent demonstrates a slot end piece having a flattened tip with a bevel along the periphery. None of Parsons configurations describe a flat tipped working tip.

Hanson describes "an adapter device" (Abstract) for allowing a power tool to be connected to a tool, such as a "socket tool or ratchet wrench devices" (Description, column 1, line 3). Absent from Hanson is a handle for the manual utilization of the tool adapter. No configuration, as demonstrated in the Figures of Hanson, shows a tool which could be utilized alone without a

supporting power-turning source to effectuate usage of said tool. While Hanson's tool adapter requires another tool to effectuate its usage, the present invention can be utilized as a single unit, without a supporting tool. Hanson describes an adapter to link a power tool to another tool, such as a wrench or socket. The present invention is a hand tool, not requiring any power source which can be used to turn screws with accommodating head openings.

The Examiner has then rejected claims 4 and 6 "under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Podolsky 3,463,209 or Parsons 3,888,144." Claims 2 through 6 have been amended to include the disclosed feature of the working surface having a flat tip, a feature not disclosed in either Podolsky or Parsons. Claim 6 has been amended to correct and clarify those aspects of the invention which the applicant claims.

The Examiner refers to Stellin, (U.S. Patent Number 2,397,216), Robertson (U.S. Patent Number 975,285) and Habermehl (U.S. Patent Number 5,351,586) in her conclusion. Like Parsons and Podolsky, the Stellin and Robertson patents disclose a rounded or graduated tip at the outermost end of the working tip (Stellin, Figures 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 24 and 25 and Robertson, Figure 1). Habermehl describes a "Phillips head" or "star" type of working tip. Neither of these prior art patents

describe a flat working tip as described in the current application.

It is deemed that the amendments herein overcome all grounds of objection and rejection. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are requested.

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MARKED-UP PARAGRAPHS OF THE SPECIFICATION SHOWING AMENDMENTS

Please amend the title as follows:

Flat Ended, Double Cube Shaped Tipped, Screwdriver System

Please amend the first full paragraph of Page 3 as follows:

While these devices fulfill their respective, particular objectives and requirements, the aforementioned patents do not describe a sure grip screwdriver system that allows [allowing] a user to screw and unscrew threaded fasteners in a convenient and efficient manner.

Please amend the first full paragraph of Page 12 as follows:

In an alternate embodiment of the present invention, [the shaft of the system is a kit. The kit includes] a plurality of shafts are provided. Each shaft is of a different sized working portion.

Please amend the third full paragraph of Page 12 as follows:

In still another alternate embodiment of the present invention, [the shaft of the system is a kit. The kit includes] a plurality of shafts are provided. Each shaft is of a different sized working portion 78, 80, 82, 84. In this embodiment, the shaft support is a power tool 86.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW AMENDMENTS

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

1. A sure grip screwdriver system for allowing a user to screw and unscrew threaded fasteners in a convenient and efficient manner comprising, in combination:

a shaft fabricated of a rigid metallic material in a cylindrical configuration with an axis and having a handle end and a working end, the shaft having a working inner portion adjacent to the handle end and a working outer portion adjacent to the working end and with a flat cut face on the outermost extent of the working end perpendicular to the axis of the shaft, the working outer portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration with a square cross section and an axial length of a first smaller size adjacent to the face, the working inner portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration with a square cross section and an axial length of a second larger size adjacent to the working outer portion, with a bevel adjacent to the working inner portion remote from the face;

a screwdriver handle having a shaft end and a gripping surface end, the shaft end having a generally cylindrical recess to securely receive and retain in one position the handle end of the shaft and with the gripping surface end having a plurality of

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axial indentations to facilitate the user's grip of the system; and

a threaded fastener having a threaded portion and a head portion, the threaded portion having threads for coupling to a recipient surface upon rotation and with the head portion having a cylindrical configuration with a central stepped recess, the stepped recess having a cube-shaped interior reception area and an exterior cube-shaped reception area with the interior reception area being smaller to snugly receive the working outer portion of the shaft and with the exterior reception area being larger to snugly receive the working inner portion of the shaft and alternatively, wherein the threaded fastener is of a smaller size, the working outer portion is snugly receivable by the working outer portion and, alternatively, wherein the working portions are of a larger size, the working outer portion is snugly receivable by the working outer portion.

2. (Amended) A flat ended, double cube shaped tipped, screwdriver system [A sure grip screwdriver system] comprising:

a shaft having a handle end and a working end, the shaft having a working inner portion adjacent to the handle end and a working outer portion adjacent to the working end, the working outer portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration of a first smaller size with a flat outermost tip being perpendicular

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to the shaft, the working inner portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration of a second larger size; and

a shaft support with a recess at one end to receive the handle end of the shaft.

3. (Amended) The system as set forth in claim 2 and further including:

a threaded fastener having a threaded portion and a head portion, the head portion having a cylindrical configuration with a central stepped recess, the stepped recess having a cube-shaped interior reception area with a flat innermost portion and an exterior cube-shaped reception area with the interior reception area being smaller to snugly receive the working outer portion of the shaft and the flat innermost portion allowing a positive alignment of the fastener and the working tip and with the exterior reception area being larger to snugly receive the working inner portion of the shaft.

4. (Amended) The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the shaft [is a kit] has a receptacle to accommodate the interchangeability of a plurality of different working tips with [a] the plurality of [shafts] said different working tips [with each shaft] having different sized working portions.

5. (Amended) The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the shaft has opposed ends with working surfaces at each end and



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with a central section having a square cross-sectional configuration for being received by the shaft support with each working surface having a flat outermost tip being perpendicular to the shaft.

6. (Amended) The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the shaft is part of a kit comprising [with] a plurality of shafts, with each of the shafts [shaft] having different sized working portions with each of the tips of the working portions having a flat outer most surface being perpendicular to the shaft, and wherein the shaft support is a power tool.